

RAIN BRINGS PLANTING TO A NEAR STANDSTILL

Rain and below average temperatures were received across the state which brought planting to a near standstill, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. On May 22, areas in northern Minnesota received snow. The cold temperatures have farmers concerned about delayed crop germination and emergence. Since soil conditions have been too wet for fieldwork, some producers are considering a switch to soybeans on land that was intended for corn.

Corn is 90% planted as of Sunday, compared to 99% a year ago, and 94% for the 5-year average. Corn emergence is 59%, versus 97% at this date a year ago, and 74% for the 5-year average. Soybeans are 56% planted, compared to 94% last year, and 75% for the 5-year average. Soybean emergence is 12%, compared to 77% a year ago, and 39% for the 5-year average.

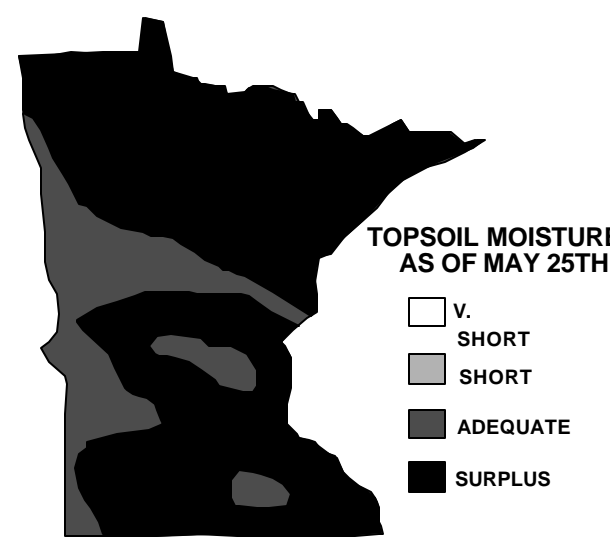
An estimated 83% of the oat acreage is planted, compared to 99% a year ago, and 94% for the 5-year average. Spring wheat is 75% planted, compared to 99% a year ago, and 80% for the 5-year average. Spring wheat emergence is 50%, compared to 67% for the 5-year average.

Sugarbeets are 90% planted, compared to 93% for the 5-year average. Potatoes planted are 70%, compared to the 5-year average of 70%.

Pasture conditions were rated as 78% good to excellent. Alfalfa was reported to be 80% good to excellent.

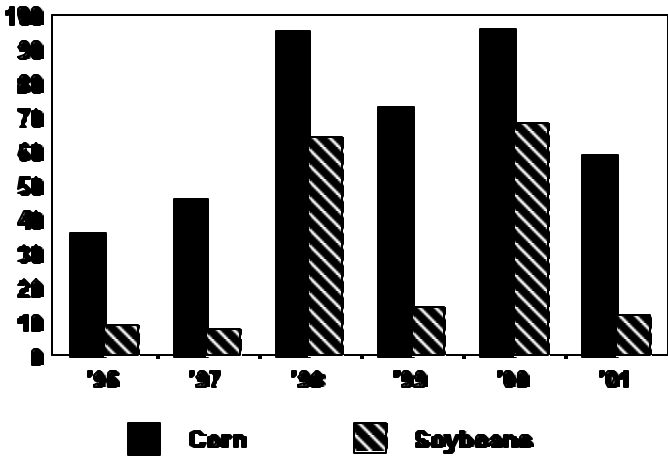
The first cutting of alfalfa hay is 1% completed, compared to the 5-year average of 16%

Topsoil moisture conditions across the state as of May 25<sup>th</sup> were rated 44% adequate and 56% surplus.

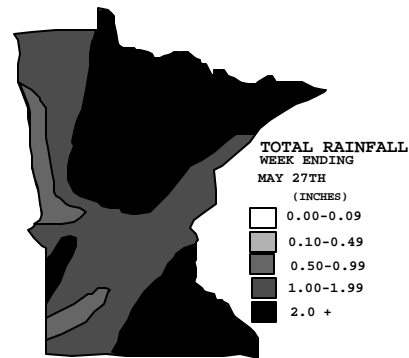


Days Suitable for Fieldwork: 1.5								
		Very Short	Short	Ade-quate	Surplus			
Topsoil Moisture (%)		0	0	44	56			
Crop Progress as of May 27, 2001								
Crop	Stage of Development	5 Yr Avg	Last Year	Last Week	This Week			
-----Percent-----								
Corn	Land Prepared	97	99	93	96			
	Planted	94	99	85	90			
	Emerged	74	97	30	59			
Soybeans	Land Prepared	85	99	59	69			
	Planted	75	94	43	56			
	Emerged	39	77	4	12			
Spring Wheat	Planted	80	99	60	75			
	Emerged	67	98	28	50			
Oats	Planted	94	99	82	83			
	Emerged	85	96	58	73			
Barley	Planted	76	99	60	74			
	Emerged	61	98	29	47			
Dry Beans	Planted	49	79	28	38			
Potatoes	Planted	70	89	63	70			
Sweet Corn	Planted	65	72	46	49			
Sugarbeets	Planted	93	99	79	90			
Green Peas	Planted	89	96	65	75			
Sunflowers	Planted	46	89	17	19			
Alfalfa Hay	First Cutting	16	25	NA	1			
Canola	Planted	NA	99	23	39			
Crop Condition as of May 25 <sup>th</sup>								
	V. Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.			
Pasture	1	4	17	55	23			
Oats	3	6	22	50	19			
Barley	1	12	32	40	15			
Spring Wheat	6	13	21	47	13			
Alfalfa	1	3	16	56	24			
Corn	1	3	34	50	12			
Planting Progress as of May 25, 2001								
CROP	NW	NC	WC	CENT	EC	SW	SC	SE
Oats	51	39	99	96	83	99	97	99
Spring	68	71	97	99	64	99	99	99
Barley	68	35	98	95	74	99	99	99
Corn	68	38	93	89	60	93	94	94
Soybeans	42	65	60	61	29	64	54	62

CORN AND SOYBEANS  
EMERGED AS OF MAY 25TH, 1996-2001



PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES FOR THE WEEK ENDING May 27, 2001:  
Temperatures averaged from 10.0 degrees below normal in the East Central District to 4.7 degrees below normal in the Northwest District. Extremes: 33° in Hibbing, Intl. Falls; 85° in Winnebago. Precipitation averaged from 0.24 inch above normal in the Southwest District to 2.21 inches above normal in the South Central District. Greatest weekly total was 3.60 inches.



Precipitation and Temperature Summary for 05/21/2001 through 05/27/2001

	Temperature				Precipitation				G D D	
	High	Low	Week Ave	Depart from Norm	Week Total	Depart Past Week	From Four Weeks	Norm Since 4/1	Since May 16	Depart from Norm
<u>NW DIST 1</u>										
Crookston	74	39	52.8	-5.2	.58	-.05	-.27	.02	126	4
Moorhead	74	39	53.1	-6.1	.88	.29	.27	1.26	115	-17
Warroad	66	37	52.2	-2.6	1.99	1.42	1.67	3.08	100	2
<u>NC DIST 2</u>										
Grand Rapids	68	35	50.2	-5.7	2.49	1.73	3.01	5.19	102	-2
Intl. Falls	68	33	50.7	-4.3	2.51	1.87	2.58	4.42	100	0
Itasca	73	34	49.4	-6.2	3.18	2.47	1.68	2.90	108	5
<u>NE DIST 3</u>										
Duluth	61	36	48.0	-5.6	1.89	1.14	1.21	6.83	75	-8
Grand Marais	65	38	47.0	-2.4	2.32	1.62	1.41	6.96	51	-5
Hibbing	63	33	47.5	-6.8	2.39	1.72	1.76	2.92	85	-7
<u>WC DIST 4</u>										
Alexandria	66	37	50.0	-9.3	.90	.17	-.23	2.71	91	-40
Browns Valley	78	38	52.6	-7.2	1.57	.92	.57	4.06	120	-13
Canby	74	39	52.4	-9.0	2.00	1.30	.82	6.71	123	-24
Fergus Falls	75	37	52.7	-6.2	1.44	.79	-.13	3.27	125	-1
Montevideo	73	37	52.4	-8.7	1.32	.56	.89	4.91	112	-33
Morris	77	37	52.4	-6.9	2.00	1.32	.65	4.03	121	-10
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>										
Becker	69	36	48.8	-10.0	1.99	1.14	.45	5.38	100	-26
Hutchinson	69	39	51.0	-10.0	1.43	.66	1.04	5.20	115	-28
Olivia	71	37	51.6	-10.0	1.64	.93	.01	4.26	128	-21
St. Cloud	63	36	50.7	-7.9	1.75	.94	1.70	7.43	90	-35
Staples	72	35	50.4	-7.0	2.54	1.79	.94	3.95	110	-6
Willmar	69	38	52.2	-8.3	1.29	.44	-.78	3.62	113	-27
<u>EC DIST 6</u>										
Aitkin	72	34	49.3	-7.3	2.78	2.04	2.43	6.17	101	-8
Cambridge	62	34	49.2	-10.4	1.46	.65	.58	7.06	89	-44
MSP Airport	65	36	51.0	-10.3	2.04	1.21	1.65	6.21	104	-45
St. Paul - UofM	62	36	51.0	-12.1	2.95	2.06	2.08	7.13	111	-54
<u>SW DIST 7</u>										
Lamberton	69	38	51.1	-10.4	1.16	.44	-.46	5.01	115	-34
Pipestone	74	38	51.0	-8.8	.91	.11	1.07	5.27	116	-19
Redwood Falls	67	38	51.2	-11.7	.89	.20	-.35	4.41	101	-60
Worthington	68	39	50.3	-10.1	1.87	1.08	1.24	6.25	116	-22
<u>SC DIST 8</u>										
Faribault	81	38	51.2	-9.1	2.37	1.52	1.05	4.19	117	-21
Waseca	64	39	50.0	-10.6	3.24	2.38	2.99	4.56	114	-28
Winnebago	85	38	51.3	-9.6	3.60	2.73	3.41	6.25	127	-18
<u>SE DIST 9</u>										
Preston	71	40	51.4	-7.6	2.00	1.10	2.50	5.12	123	-5
Red Wing	82	38	52.0	-6.2	1.73	.80	.23	2.43	123	3
Rochester	63	38	49.4	-10.2	2.28	1.49	4.36	8.82	97	-36
Rosemount	65	36	49.6	-10.2	2.65	1.71	1.15	4.06	109	-25
Winona	72	40	52.8	-7.8	2.24	1.36	2.06	4.00	125	-17

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